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Tscharim Soobsokov

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1. Soobsokov is a Circassian in his early or middle thirties. Born in the Caucasus. Brother was in the Party for a while and Subject was in the Komsomol. During the war, however, they became anti-Soviet and cooperated with the Germans when the latter occupied the Caucasus. When the Soviets reoccupied the area, some of Subject's relatives and friends were liquidated and Subject became one of the many Circassians who had to flee. He was in the German Army for a while and then became a refugee. He became the leader of a hundred-odd Circassian refugees at a detention camp in Italy.

2. Having made a little money in the black market, he was able to make a swing through the Near-East in search of a permanent haven for his group. King Abdullah of Jordan agreed to grant the group full citizenship, and Subject proceeded to establish his group there.

3. He became a minor civil servant and was subsequently recruited by the Agency in 1952 - 3. He continued in a covert capacity with the Agency until his immigration to the United States in 1955 - 6. He has since been given some special classified training and was sent overseas on one three-month TDY mission by this Agency.

4. He is currently employed as a representative of Mutual of New York, a life insurance company. His business address is in the office of one Richard E. Myer, in the Empire State Building, 350 Fifth Avenue, New York. His home address is 47 North Third Street, Paterson, New Jersey (an apartment house). Subject is deeply enmeshed in the Circassian Emigre Community in the New York metropolitan area, and aspires to leadership in that group. His home is a gathering place and meeting place of the Paterson Circassians. He has indicated a willingness to provide intelligence on that group, particularly where there is communist or Soviet interest. Subject is a violent, almost rabid, anti-communist. He appears to enjoy the confidence of at least a percentage of the Circassians in the area. He is in process for United States citizenship.

5. Subject is a Moslem (not at all fanatic), married and has several children. His formal education is not high, but he has a great native shrewdness and cunning. He is a controversial person who has made a number of enemies, as well as friends, throughout his career to date. Money is an important factor in his life as he enjoys "living it up" and would like to improve his standard of living. Neat (verging on sharp) dresser. Drives a late model Chevrolet. Can do a good job but requires firm, as well as sympathetic, handling. Drinks (occasionally somewhat heavily, on social occasions), but not in solitude or excess. Has occasionally boasted about his ability to use liquor operationally (getting another man drunk for elicitation purposes) but probably exaggerated.

6. Speaks fluent Circassian, fluent but unpolished Russian, useful Arabic, fair English. Believed to read and write all but Arabic. Also has

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unknown ability in Italian, German, and possibly some French. Has world-wide Circassian contacts (Latin America, Turkey, Germany, France and England as well as the Arab States).

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